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US CUSTOMS FOR ALLSHOUSE, INTERNATIONAL OPS

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SUBJECT: CCINC IN-COUNTRY CUSTOMS TRAINING

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(B) HAGUE 3583

(C) HAGUE 3708

1. EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICER MARIN DISCUSSED
REFTEL (A) WITH WAGNER OF DUTCH CUSTONS, WHO LATER
ADVISED EMBOFF THAT HIS DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN PERSUADED OF
MERITS OF USING VIDEOTAPE AS TRAINING TOOL DURING PRACTICAL
EXERCISES. HOWEVER, TO AVOID POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH
NETHERLANDS LAW AND IN ORDER NOT TO INCONVENIENCE ANY
PASSENGERS, NETHERLANDS CUSTONS WOULD ARRANGE FOR PRACTICAL
EXERCISES TO BE CONDUCTED IN CONVEYANCES NOT IN ACTUAL
USE BY PUBLIC DURING TIME OF EXERCISE. IF NECESSARY
TO HAVE LIVE SUBJECTS TO DEMONSTRATE, FOR EXAMPLE,
SEARCH TECHNIQUES, CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL WILL
BE USED IN SIMULATED SITUATIONS. EMBOFF ARGUED FOR
FLEXIBILITY ON PART OF NETHERLANDS CUSTOMS TO ALLOW FOR
POSSIBILITY OF, FOR INSTANCE, SEARCH OF AIRCRAFT IN
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TRANSIT THROUGH NETHERLANDS AIRPORT (ASSUMING PASSENGERS

TEMPORARILY DEPLANED) WHILE AT SAME TIME PERMITTING
USE OF VIDEOTAPE, BUT WANGER SAID PRINCIPALS IN HIS
DEPARTMENT WRE PRETTY FIRMLY DECIDED ON AVOIDING USE
OF "LIVE" CONVEYANCES ALTOGETHER.

2. WE DEFER TO US CUSTOMS FOR ASSESSMENT OF RELATIVE
MERITS OF TWO ALTERNATIVES NOW APPARENTLY AVAILABLE FOR
EXECUTION OF PRACTICAL EXERCISES (I.E., "LIVE" CONVEYANCES
AND NO VIDEO VERSUS SIMULATION WITH VIDEO) AND, IF DESIRED,
BY US CUSTOMS, WILL MAKE NEW PITCH WITH DUTCH CUSTOMS
TO REVERSE GEARS. HOWEVER, PLEASE BEAR IN MIND CONTENTS
OF PARA 5 OF REF (B) ABOVE. IF WE DO NOT HEAR TO
CONTRARY FROM US CUSTOMS, WE WILL ASSUME ARRANGEMENTS
WHICH ARE NOW BEING MADE BY NETHERLANDS CUSTOMS FOR
PRACTICAL EXERCISES ARE SATISFACTORY.

3. WE LOOK FORWARD TO ARRIVAL OF SA LAUGHTON AND INSPECTOR
DAVIS. INCIDENTALLY, WE DO NOT YET HAVE REPLY TO REF (C).

4. FYI: MARIN IS TRANSFERRING TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE
AFTER AUGUST 15 HE CAN BE REACHED THROUGH M/EEO
AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION IF DESIRED.
FSO JOHN S. BRIMS HAS BEEN DESIGNATED EMBASSY NARCOTICS
CONTROL OFFICER AT THE HAGUE, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1. END FYI.
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